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In re Applicant:

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Group Art Unit: 1634

For: Abundant, Well Distributed and Hyperpolymorphic
Simple Sequence Repeats in Prokaryote
Genomes and Use of Same for Prokaryote
Classification and Typing

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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Restriction Action mailed March 13, 2003, which response is being made on or before April 13, 2003.

Applicants select the species of Group V, drawn to Primers and DNA chips for Listeria monocytogenes.

It is believed that, in addition to the generic claims identified by the Examiner, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-15, 21, 22, 31, 32, 35-36, 39, 40, 48 and 49 read on the above species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,


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